42390.P1674C

Patent

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

7-23

In Re Application of:

Pippin, Jack

Application No: Not yet assigned

Filed: June 6, 1996

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR PROGRAMMABLE
THERMAL SENSOR FOR AN
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

Continuation of:

Application No: 08/124,980

Filed:

September 21, 1993

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Art Unit: 2304

Examiner: Phan, T.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Date of Deposit

Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

73. 100 Signature

7 B 907 640 932 U.S.

"Express Mail" mailing label number

20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be preliminarily amended as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 23, line 16, replace "supply voltage" with --integrated circuit--.

At page 23, line 17, replace "supply voltage" with --temperature--.

## IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, line 20 replace "reference voltage" with --voltage reference--. In claim 8, lines 21-22 replace "reference voltage" with --voltage reference--. In claim 8, line 23 replace "reference voltage" with --voltage reference--.

Please add the following new claims:

P ( 1 3 ) 261 /20. (New) An int

An integrated circuit microprocessor on a semiconductor die,

comprising:

a programmable thermal sensor providing a temperature signal corresponding to a temperature within the microprocessor, the

1